

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING FREDERICK LANGSTON HUNT

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Frederick Langston Hunt, who passed away peacefully on April 8, 2020. My thoughts are with his family.

Frederick Langston Hunt, the only child of Frederick F. Hunt and Bernice S. Hunt, grew up in the close-knit community of Coconut Grove, FL. He graduated with honors from G.W. Carver High School and was a member of the Thorians Class of '64. After completing his undergraduate education at Howard University and earning his master's degree from Montclair University, he moved to Albany, Georgia where he met Celestine Hill, whom he married in 1972. He and Celestine shared a dedication to the civil rights movement and a gift for making each other laugh.

In the early seventies, the Hunts moved to Greensboro, NC, where Frederick was a doctoral candidate at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Over the years, he served as Director of African American Studies at Guilford College and as a professor at Shaw University. Fred was also instrumental in establishing the Head Start program in the Triad area. It was during this time that Maia Nataka Celestine Hunt, their only child, was born. Fred took such pride in his only child, who favored him so much, that some joked she should have been named "Fredericka".

Frederick was an educator with the mind of an entrepreneur, a heart for his people, and the spirit of a musician. The common thread in everything he pursued was his commitment to racial, social, and economic justice. His passion for education and learning dominated his early professional life, and he always made time to be a trusted counselor and guide for young people. Frederick started a mentoring group for young men, frequently hosted Kwanzaa celebrations at his home or community centers, and dedicated himself to serving Dudley High School through the Parent Teacher Association. He always remained active in local politics and service organizations like the N.A.A.C.P.

Even when Fred focused his professional efforts on real estate, first as an agent and later establishing his own real estate firm, he continued to find ways to serve. He hosted workshops to prepare people for home ownership and frequently assisted customers with their first home purchases. He was regularly recognized by his peers and the High Point Regional Association of Realtors for excelling in the field, and he continued his real estate business when he returned to Miami to be closer to his mother.

Once he settled in Coconut Grove, he joined Greater St. Paul, A.M.E., where his mother was a lifelong member. He was also a member of the Greater St. Paul Male Chorus

and the Sons of Allen, a group dedicated to fellowship and mentoring in the community. In 2012, as his health challenges mounted, he moved to Maryland to be closer to his daughter.

Frederick is survived by his daughter, Maia Hunt Estes; his son-in-law, Elliott; his chosen siblings, Dr. Thomas Garvin and June Garvin; his niece Loren Statia (Jeff); and nephew Khari Garvin (Leslie); his in-laws, Estell Scott Estes and Eric and Jacinta Estes; his grand-nephew Ethan Estes; and a host of friends and loved ones who became his family.

MIGUEL MAY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Miguel May for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Miguel May is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Miguel May is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Miguel May for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF GUY THOMAS HARRIS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Guy Thomas Harris, who passed away peacefully on April 6, 2020 at the age of 81.

A lifelong resident of Lee County, Guy proudly served our nation in the Mississippi Army National Guard and Reserves for 13 years. After being honorably discharged, Guy joined the Tupelo Police Department in 1963 where he served as a law enforcement officer for 20 years, he retired as a Captain in 1983. Following his retirement, Guy became a salesman at Tupelo Auto Sales until he retired permanently in 1999.

Guy was known for many things, he was a faithful member of Saltillo First United Methodist Church where he enjoyed listening to

Brother Tim Greene's sermons. Guy frequently enjoyed fellowship with his many friends over a good meal, and could always be seen with his wife, Elaine; on their front porch waving to honking friends as they drove by. He was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed watching his daughter's softball games, coaching men's softball, and watching the New York Yankees and Dallas Cowboys. Guy was most well-known for being a childhood friend of Elvis Presley. Guy took great pride in his role as a historian for the Elvis Presley Birthplace and Museum in Tupelo and helped author "We Remember Elvis" with his first-hand accounts of growing up with the King of Rock and Roll.

Guy leaves behind his wife of 61 years, his daughter, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many other close family members and friends. He loved his family, and especially cherished spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The life Guy lead was one of love, service, passion, and loyalty. Guy never met a stranger and will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

HONORING DR. PHAM DO THIEN HUONG FOR HER EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING VIETNAMESE AMERICAN HERITAGE

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Pham Do Thien Huong, who created "Uoc Mo Viet" (Vietnamese Dream), a competition encouraging Vietnamese American children to learn Vietnamese in creative and innovative ways. Dr. Pham Do Thien Huong has spent her life serving her community.

Dr. Pham Do Thien Huong is an optometrist practicing in Garden Grove, California and spends her spare time promoting important causes in her community. Dr. Pham Do Thien Huong is a passionate activist who leads Huong Viet Scout Troop (with more than 200 scouts) and the Southern California Du Ca Group, a group of famous community singers with more than 60 members. Recently, she has created a competition named "Uoc Mo Viet" (Vietnamese Dream), to encourage Vietnamese American children to learn the Vietnamese language through Vietnamese songs and short stories. The competition started at the beginning of 2020 and has since flourished with more than 100 contestants. Even in the face of COVID-19, the competition will continue online to acknowledge the hard work of all its participants.

Due to her passionate and inspirational leadership, Dr. Pham Do Thien Huong is recognized as a hero, both within the Vietnamese American community and to all of us who

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value the preservation of Vietnamese American heritage.

I ask that all Members join me in honoring the extraordinary leadership and activism of Dr. Pham Do Thien Huong.

NOLAN SOVOLD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nolan Sovold for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Nolan Sovold is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nolan Sovold is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nolan Sovold for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

CELEBRATING GREENSBURG ROTARY CLUB'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Greensburg Rotary Club for celebrating 100 years of service.

For a century now, the Greensburg Rotary Club has been a beacon of service in the Greensburg and Decatur County community.

The Rotary Club continues to raise funds for the Decatur County Special Olympics and supports local service projects around the community.

I want to thank the members of the Rotary Club for their service and dedication to the people of Greensburg and congratulate them on their 100th anniversary.

HONORING DR. MARGIE BROWN PULLEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Margie Brown Pulley.

Dr. Margie Brown Pulley is a lifelong resident of Greenwood and Leflore County. She is a 1971 honor graduate of Amanda Elzy High School. At Amanda Elzy, Dr. Pulley excelled both academically and athletically. She was

captain of the 1970 Amanda Elzy girl's state championship basketball team. In September 1971, she entered Jackson State University, and three years later in May 1974, she graduated with honors with a B.S. degree in Social Science. She later received her Master's, Specialist, and Doctorate degrees in School Administration from Delta State University.

Dr. Pulley spent thirty-eight (38) years working with the Greenwood Public School District. Her professional career began in 1974 as a teacher of Social Studies at Greenwood High School. During the next fifteen (15) years, Dr. Pulley taught Mississippi History, World History, U.S. History, and Government and Economics. She also later served as Assistant Principal at Greenwood High School. From 1990 until 1999, she served as the Principal of Threadgill School. According to Dr. Pulley, that experience as principal was both challenging and rewarding. At Threadgill, Dr. Pulley set high expectations for herself, her faculty and her students. Under Dr. Pulley's administration as principal of Threadgill, the culture, climate and academic achievement improved significantly. She is proud to say that her tenure as Principal at Threadgill was a major highlight in her career. In 1999, Dr. Pulley became Assistant Superintendent of the Greenwood Public School District. In this capacity Dr. Pulley worked passionately with principals to ensure that faculty, staff, and students' needs were met. She specifically directed Federal Programs, Personnel, Curriculum and Technology. In July 2008, Dr. Pulley was appointed Interim Superintendent of the Greenwood Public School District. In January 2009, she was named Superintendent of the Greenwood Public School District. Under Dr. Pulley's leadership, the school district received district-wide SACS accreditation, implemented a dress code, modified the grading system to a 10 point scale, brought dual enrollment from Mississippi Valley State University to Greenwood High School, restructured the athletic program and significantly improved student achievement by placing academics first. Ultimately, according to the State Department of Education, the Greenwood Public School District was rated as a 'Successful School District for Three Years in a Row': 2009–2010, 2010–2011, and 2011–2012'. The school district was also presented The TORCH Award by the Mississippi School Boards Association. Further, under her leadership, the Mississippi Teacher of the Year was selected from Greenwood High School, and Bankston Elementary School was named as a National Blue-Ribbon School.

Dr. Pulley retired in 2012 and was later named as Conservator of the Oktibbeha County School District. Dr. Pulley successfully cleared all accreditation violations and successfully led the consolidation efforts of the Oktibbeha County School District with the Starkville School District. Oktibbeha County Schools was rated a "C" school district.

In July 2015, Dr. Pulley was named as Conservator in the Tunica County School District. Under her leadership, academic achievement has improved, and the Tunica County School District has been recognized by the Mississippi Department of Education for having the highest achievement in the state for math growth among the lowest 25 percent of high school students. Additionally, Dundee Elementary has been recognized as having the highest achievement in the state for math growth

among the lowest 25 percent of elementary students. Recently, the principals at Dundee Elementary and Rosa Fort High School received recognition as finalists for the MS principal of the year. Presently, Rosa Fort ranks No. 8 in the state for its graduation rate (93.1 percent).

Dr. Pulley has received numerous awards and recognitions which includes but are not limited to: National Association of Federal Programs Administrators Service Award; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Service Award; Certificate of Achievement from the Yale Child Study Center; Administrator of the Year for the Greenwood Public School District; Friendship Baptist Church: Badge of Courage Ward (2010); Greenwood Voters' League: Lady of the Year (2010); Superintendent of the Year: Delta Area Association for the Improvement of Schools (2010); Delta's Best in Education Award: 2011; and Shiloh 7th Day Adventist: Educator of the Year: 2011.

Dr. Pulley is a lifelong member of Springhill Baptist Church in the Browning Community where she serves as a trustee and church secretary. In Dr. Pulley's spare time she loves to attend and watch basketball and football games, read, and cook for her entire family every Sunday and all holidays. She also takes care of her eighty-eight (88) year old mother who lives with her. Dr. Pulley, a widow, was married to the former Superintendent of the Leflore County School District, Mr. Cedell Pulley. She has three adult sons: Bill, a recreation center director; Kelvin, an attorney; and Kenneth, deputy superintendent of schools. She also has three beautiful grandchildren: William, Rhaegan, and Morgan, and a daughter-in-law, Jessica.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Margie Brown Pulley for her dedication to serving her community and this great state.

MONICA TELLES RODRIGUEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Monica Telles Rodriguez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Monica Telles Rodriguez is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Monica Telles Rodriguez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Monica Telles Rodriguez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF HOOSIER HERO,
OFFICER BREANN LEATH

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise with a profound sense of sadness to remember Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Officer Breann Leath, a fallen Hoosier who dedicated her 24 years of life to serving others. I join the City of Indianapolis, the IMPD, as well as the entire law enforcement community over the loss of a true public servant.

On April 9, 2020, Officer Leath responded to a domestic violence call on the east side of Indianapolis and was tragically killed. Officer Leath was responding to a call for help, like she had done bravely so many times over her career. She acted bravely and dutifully, and without hesitation and in doing so, sacrificed her own life.

Prior to her three years of service with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Officer Leath served in the National Guard with the 387th Military Police Company at Camp Atterbury where she was honorably discharged as a specialist. Those who knew her in high school recall she always wanted to be a police officer. IMPD Chief Randall Taylor stated of Leath, "She is the example of the type of officer we want on this department." It is clear Officer Leath had a passion to her community and country. She was twenty-four years old and is survived by a young son as well as her parents who both served with the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our thoughts and prayers to Officer Leath's family. Our communities need more dedicated public servants like Leath. We pay tribute to her life by maintaining our steadfast support for law enforcement providers who honorably and selflessly serve our communities.

PATCH ARNOLD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Patch Arnold for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Patch Arnold is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Patch Arnold is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Patch Arnold for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

ONGOING TRANSATLANTIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to today to update my Congressional colleagues on continued discussions between members of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly. I would also like to share the desire of our international friends and allies to remain engaged with the United States during these challenging times.

My colleagues who serve with me on the U.S. Helsinki Commission and remain active include Representative ALCEE HASTINGS of Florida, Representative JOE WILSON of South Carolina, Representative STEVE COHEN of Tennessee, Representative ROBERT ADERHOLT of Alabama, Representative GWEN MOORE of Wisconsin, Representative CHRIS SMITH of New Jersey, as well as Senator WICKER of Mississippi and Senator CARDIN of Maryland. As the United States Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, we recognize the importance of building partnerships with our counterparts from other countries especially during such unprecedented times.

As the Chairman of the Committee on Security, I recognize multilateral diplomacy works to U.S. interests when we take the initiative. Parliamentarians have a special role to play as elected officials in this process, showing the depth of each of our country's commitment to security and cooperation not only in Europe, but around the globe.

During our most recent video conference, Italian Minister for European Affairs, Vincenzo Amendola, joined to update us on Italy's response to COVID-19. He stressed the need for continued cooperation in response not only to the health threat but also to the economic havoc the pandemic has caused.

Shortly after our video conference concluded, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced the United States will provide an additional \$225 million in health, humanitarian and economic assistance to boost response efforts worldwide. This is in addition to the \$274 million already deployed to fight COVID-19. In the past two decades, the Secretary noted, the United States has provided \$140 billion in health assistance globally, helping to make us an undisputed leader in health and humanitarian aid. Some of this aid has been to countries in Europe, including Italy. I would add that this is not only a reflection of our country's unmatched generosity over the decades, but our national interest as well. Many of the health threats we have faced come from beyond our borders, including COVID-19, and we have an interest in trying to respond effectively to those threats where they first develop, before they reach our shores.

A final outcome of the recent video conference was endorsement of United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres' recent call for a ceasefire regarding conflicts around the globe at this time when countries need to face a common pandemic threat.

The Helsinki Commission provides Members of Congress with the opportunity to work with our friends and allies around the globe to pro-

mote our shared democratic values and work in a bipartisan fashion on core foreign policy issues. While our calls have been focused on fighting COVID-19 we are still tracking other international conflicts. For example, during the video conference I, along with other parliamentarians, raised the issue of the unwarranted Russian aggression in Ukraine and Georgia. I am encouraged by the level of engagement from my OSCE Parliamentary Assembly colleagues and will continue to work with them through this global pandemic.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in recognizing the importance of these discussions with our European allies and friends.

HONORING THE BOLSA CHICA LAND TRUST AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bolsa Chica Land Trust. This organization has worked tirelessly for over 20 years to preserve the mesa, lowlands, and wetlands of Bolsa Chica and educate the community on its cultural significance.

Ahead of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, it is important to recognize the organizations that protect our Earth every day. Since 1996, the Bolsa Chica Land Trust and over 22,000 volunteers have worked with the scientific community, the Native American community, and state agencies to acquire threatened land, restore damage to the environment, and preserve the natural habitats in Bolsa Chica. In addition to its conservation efforts, the Bolsa Chica Land Trust serves the community by conducting educational programs to raise awareness about the Bolsa Chica wetlands and tell its rich cultural history.

Due to their passionate and inspirational leadership, the Bolsa Chica Land Trust is recognized for its continuous commitment to protecting our Earth, both within the environmental community and to all of us who value the restoration and preservation of our precious natural resources.

I ask that all Members join me in honoring the extraordinary leadership and activism of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust.

NEVAEH ANGELO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nevaeh Angelo for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Nevaeh Angelo is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nevaeh Angelo is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nevaeh Angelo for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all other future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER HOLMES

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennifer Holmes, a member of the professional staff of the House Appropriations Committee, who is retiring after 28 years of service to the Legislative Branch.

Jenny began her Federal career in 1986 working for the U.S. Government Accounting Office. Soon after, in 1989, she started her long tenure working for the House Appropriations Committee, first as staff of the Treasury-Postal Service and Defense Appropriations Subcommittees.

After leaving the Hill briefly to work in the private sector, Jenny returned to the House Appropriations Committee in 2005. In 2007, Jenny became professional staff for the Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee where she was instrumental to the operations of Congress. In response to two tragic events that affected our colleagues in the House of Representatives, the shooting of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and the shooting at the Congressional baseball game practice, Jenny worked tirelessly to ensure that resources were focused beyond just the few square blocks that make up the Capitol grounds.

Jenny advocated for infrastructure projects that will make the Nation's Capital, specifically the U.S. Capitol grounds, accessible for years to come. Jenny was involved in many important projects, such as the restoration of the Capitol dome, improvements to the Capitol power plant, billion-dollar renovations of the Cannon House Office Building, the Library of Congress's Visitor Experience initiative and so many more. Jenny and her colleagues on the committee staff oversaw many of these projects from start to finish, and she should be very proud of her accomplishments.

Jenny was known to cheerfully volunteer to coordinate retirement ceremonies, portrait dedications, and other social events for the Appropriations Committee. Jenny also demonstrated her leadership and compassion by pulling together Appropriations Committee staff, Members, and external stakeholders for a very meaningful celebration of life event in honor of Chuck Turner, a long-time Committee staff member who was a dear friend and mentor to many.

A hallmark of Jenny's reputation was being a problem solver. She dedicated so much of her life to public service and never forgot why she was here. I know Jenny is looking forward to spending time with her husband Paul, her sons Kevin and Caiden, her daughter Karley, and her horses. We wish her the very best in her next journey and thank her for everything she has done for the United States Congress.

PAUL MARTIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Paul Martin for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Paul Martin is a student at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Paul Martin is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Paul Martin for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

REMEMBERING JOHN PRINE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great singer-songwriter and friend, John Prine, who passed away last week in Nashville from complications of the coronavirus. John was an exceptional lyricist, described by his friend and producer Jerry Phillips as "thinking like nobody else thought" and writing lines that were "brilliant in the strangest way." John produced three of his 18 albums in Memphis, including his debut, the eponymous "John Prine," in 1971. The album was cut at Chips Moman's American Sound Studio, and included his classics "Angel from Montgomery" and "Paradise." His fourth album, "Common Sense," was made in 1975 at Ardent Studios in Memphis and was produced by the legendary Steve Cropper. His sixth album, "Pink Cadillac," was made at the Sam Phillips Recording Service in 1979 by Sam's sons, Knox and Jerry. John's last album, "The Tree of Forgiveness," was recorded in Nashville and produced by his friend Matt Ross-Spang of Memphis. Songs from that album—"You Got Gold," "When I Get to Heaven" and "No Ordinary Blue"—were part of his last performance in Memphis, at The Orpheum, on September 25, 2018. John's songwriting career took off when, working as a postal worker in Chicago, he was discovered by singer-songwriter Kris Kristofferson. Bob Dylan said of his work: "Prine's stuff is pure Proustian existentialism. Midwestern mind trips to the Nth degree. And he writes beautiful songs." Always gracious and friendly, he seemed to his friends to be delighted with life. As Ross-Spang told *The Commercial Appeal*: "If you can imagine a kid eating an ice cream cone for the first time, that's how John looked at life. He had a love of Archie comics, hot dogs, meatloaf, fried chicken and Cadillacs. He always had a twinkle in his eye." And as

his friend Memphis singer-songwriter Keith Sykes said in tribute: "I don't think there's many songwriters who can make you laugh and cry in a single line—and make it rhyme." John Prine's was a life well-lived and he's been taken too soon. He leaves the treasure of song for future generations to enjoy and learn about life. He will be missed.

HONORING CAPTAIN CLARENCE MCGEE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a generous and brave man Captain Clarence McGee. Captain McGee has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Captain McGee, a Yazoo City Firefighter, is known for his generous spirit and for making a positive impact in the lives of local children.

Captain Clarence McGee, a native of Holly Bluff, has been a member of the Yazoo City Fire Department for over six years. He is the son of Eddie Ma McGee of Holly Bluff and is the loving husband of Cheris McGee. He is the father of six children: Codarius, Terryanna, Demarrious, Dontarius, D'Rihya, and Cla'Zarreria.

McGee graduated from Yazoo County High School in 2001. He attended Holmes Junior College for almost two years before accepting a job at the Nissan Plant, where he worked in stamping as a dye setter.

McGee started at the Fire Academy in 2011. He failed the academy twice and refused to give up. Third time's a charm, he passed the academy. In 2013 he started working full-time for the Yazoo City Fire Department, where he fell in love with the interacting with various children attending local schools.

Captain McGee is actively involved in his church, New Foundation M.B. Church in Holly Bluff, where he was raised.

Aside from his work as a fireman, McGee also operates a side business renting outdoor recreation equipment, and is known throughout the community as the "Space Jump Man". In the past he has been known to rent out his space jumps to local community events or fundraisers free of charge so that local children can have a place to play and enjoy themselves.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain Clarence McGee for his passion and dedication to serving Yazoo County and desire to make a difference in the community.

NEVAEH GROSSMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nevaeh Grossman for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Nevaeh Grossman is a student at Wayne Carle Middle School and received this award

because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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COSPONSORSHIP ERROR

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to inform the House that I plan to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 6494. The cosponsorship was made in error. The House is in a pro forma session due to the COVID-19 national emergency, so this request cannot currently be made in person. Since a Unanimous Consent request requires my presence, I will make said request when the House returns to session.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE IRANIAN AMERICAN WOMEN FOUNDATION

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the Iranian American Women Foundation. Founded in 2011 as an educational nonprofit organization in Irvine, California, IAWF has worked tirelessly to provide women of Iranian heritage with connections and mentorships to enhance and reinforce their potential.

IAWF strives to promote the economic, academic, entrepreneurial, philanthropic, and scientific contributions of Iranian American women. In the nine years since they have been established, IAWF has hosted 19 Women's Leadership conferences and provided countless scholarships to young women in need. In recognition of their extraordinary work, Mayor Eric Garcetti declared April 27 as the Iranian American Women Day in the City of Los Angeles.

I ask all members to join me in recognizing the extraordinary work of the Iranian American Women Foundation and to celebrate the exemplary work that has culminated in Iranian American Women Day.

PEARCE BOWDEN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Pearce Bow-

den for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Pearce Bowden is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Pearce Bowden is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Pearce Bowden for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING HUSKY HALL

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Robert "Husky" Hall, a giant in the world of Virginia high school basketball who set several coaching records with the Martinsville Bulldogs. Coach Hall died on April 5, 2020, at the age of 91.

Husky Hall was a native of Fieldale in Henry County, Virginia. He played basketball, baseball, and golf at Elon College, now Elon University, in North Carolina and earned a master's degree in education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He also served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. After coaching boys and girls varsity basketball in Pleasant Grove, North Carolina, he became an assistant basketball coach at Martinsville in the 1950s.

The head coach at the time, Mel Cartwright, Sr., was another major figure in Martinsville sports. During the early years, Husky Hall was the assistant, then began sharing duties with Coach Cartwright. In this period, Martinsville earned state championships in 1958, 1961, and 1964.

Husky Hall became Martinsville's head coach in 1965 and held the position until he retired in 1995. Over those years, his teams won 605 victories, a Virginia High School League (VHSL) record at the time. He still holds the VHSL record for the seven state championships his teams achieved, in 1966, 1976, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1985, and 1986, and for playing in seven consecutive state championship games from 1980 to 1986.

Coach Hall's leadership focused on the fundamentals of basketball. He insisted on leadership and discipline. As a result, he brought out the best in his players and his assistant coaches, some of whom went on to great coaching careers of their own, and college coaches sought the secrets of his success.

On top of his basketball duties, Husky Hall coached golf at Martinsville as well. In that role, the school won its only state championship at the Group AAA level in any sport in 1974.

In 1994, Coach Hall told the Roanoke Times about his approach: "If it's going to work, someone has to be in charge, and you hope the players look up to the coach because he's

earned their respect." He succeeded in earning the respect not only of his players and assistant coaches but the whole Martinsville community and the world of Virginia high school basketball. The Virginia High School Hall of Fame inducted Coach Hall in '91, the second year of its existence.

Coach Hall is survived by his daughters Robin Morgan and Terry Jamerson and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Verona. I offer my condolences to his family on their loss. Husky Hall's name will live long in Virginia high school sports.

NICHOLAS LEWIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nicholas Lewis for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Nicholas Lewis is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nicholas Lewis is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Nicholas Lewis for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING PATRICIA RANSOM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Ms. Patricia Ransom, who is a lifelong resident of Jackson.

Ms. Patricia Ransom grew up in the Georgetown area and graduated from Lanier High School. She holds an Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration from Hinds Community College. Her first position after graduating was in Human Resources at Jackson Public Schools, where she was responsible for assigning substitute teachers. Eight years later, she moved to the Property Accounting Department, where she has served as a data clerk for the last 20 years. Ms. Ransom has three children that attended JPS schools. She believes you cannot educate a child's mind without also educating the heart and that everybody in the District plays a role in this, from the cafeteria worker to the custodian, to the bus driver, to the teachers and administrators.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Patricia Ransom.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR.
TRUC HO

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable accomplishments of Mr. Truc Ho. Mr. Ho is the General Director of SBTN, the first and largest Vietnamese 24-hour television network in the United States.

Mr. Ho is a prominent musician and media activist within the Vietnamese American community. His tireless dedication to his community, and his tremendous work with SBTN musicians, has culminated in what many would consider the perfect rendition of Vietnamese culture. In conjunction with SBTN, Mr. Ho produced a music DVD, "The Forsaken Soldiers,"

honoring the soldiers of The Army of the Republic of Vietnam and commemorating the 45th Anniversary of Black April.

His passionate and inspirational leadership will forever cement Mr. Truc Ho as a hero and champion of Vietnamese culture, both within the Vietnamese American community and abroad.

I ask that all Members join me in honoring the extraordinary accomplishments of Mr. Truc Ho.

PHOEBE SPEGAL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 17, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Phoebe

Spegal for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Phoebe Spegal is a student at Moore Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Phoebe Spegal is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Phoebe Spegal for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.